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Walgreens To Pay Historic $24m To Settle Race-Bias Suit

By Chris Levister

The lawsuit filed by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is one of the largest monetary settlements in a race case by the EEOC in recent years.


The case was consolidated in Los Angeles Federal Court and was submitted to any wrongdoing in the settlement.

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Knowing my condition, after two failed deliveries, Ruben went back into the office and told his dispatcher to call me because he felt something was wrong.

His office called and I explained nothing was wrong other than we were just missing each other. So Tuesday he made his last stop to make sure I had water. He said, "Mr. Brown I was worried that something happened to you and I wanted to make sure everything was okay because you and Mrs. Brown are special people to me." Knowing that Ruben is a Christian I asked him to pray for me. He said, "I will pray for you and wish you the best of luck in the future." He continued, "I don't know when I will see you again but I will pray for you every day." And that is the last I heard from him until today when he delivered a box of water to my door. It's good to know there are still good people in this world.

Another Day of Infamy: MLK, Jr. Assassinated April 4, 1968

By Diane Whitmore

A little more than a quarter century old today, millions of Americans were once again reminded of the day prior to its impact on the nation. It was on April 4, 1968, that the voice of Martin Luther King Jr., the leader of a movement that would change America, was silenced forever.

In Atlanta, Mayor Ivan Allen rushed to the Lorraine Motel, where Dr. King was shot. "Dr. King was laying in the room at the back of the motel," Mayor Allen said. "We were told that he was shot, and we rushed to find him."

Dr. King was rushed to the hospital emergency room, where he died at 7:05 p.m. "Dr. King's death is a tragedy," Atlanta Mayor Ivan Allen said today. "We have lost a great leader who was committed to nonviolence and peace."

On the day of his death, Dr. King was delivering a speech in Memphis, Tennessee, that would become famous as "I Have a Dream." The speech was delivered to the backdrop of a crowd of thousands of people who gathered to hear him speak. Dr. King was assassinated while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel.

The day after King's death, the world was in mourning. People around the world mourned the loss of a great leader who had dedicated his life to the cause of civil rights.

"Dr. King's death is a great loss to all of us," said President Johnson. "He was a leader who had the courage to stand up for what was right, even when it was not popular."
Green Valley Earth Festival: April 19

**Early Detection of Colon Cancer Equals 90%-percent Survival Rate**

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Colon cancer is the second leading cancer killer in the U.S. and affects women just as often as it affects men. But if it is caught in its early stages, colon cancer patients have a 90% survival rate. This year’s event will be bigger than ever, featuring a variety of events, exhibits and entertainment for people of all ages and interests:

- Be a part of the largest Earth Day Drum Circle in Riverside County
- Watch Riverside artists at work painting the event, live
- Go Green gives a toolbox full of helpful hints for homeowners looking to install free solar panels and connect homeowners with installers.
- Enjoy community and professional performances throughout the day.
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**Earth Day & Go Green**

Purchasing Thursday, April 17, 2008

Spring Earth Day Go Green offers a handful of half-page ads for homeowners looking to install free solar panels and connect homeowners with installers.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cancer killer in the U.S. and affects women just as often as it affects men. But if it is caught in its early stages, colorectal cancer patients have a 90% survival rate. Make it a personal goal to get checked when you turn 50. That way, you have plenty of time to get to everything else on your list. Call your American Cancer Society any time, day or night, for free information on colorectal cancer.
clearly illustrates once again Edison's leadership as a catalyst for the other key defendants in chlorate contamination plume near the Rialto residents. Inc. and the Schulz parties.

These lawsuits to focus on their efforts to landfills. Those expenses also include the $million to investigate and treat the perchlorate contamination in the Rialto-Colton Basin.

On Saturday before the April 15 tax filing deadline, Berna Holingsworth was about to file her tax return, but realized that she had just received a stimulus check from the county. The IRS says the checks should start going out in early May, but the earlier you file the earlier you'll receive a stimulus check.

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SCE asked the CPUC for approval to be installing at a rate of one megawatt a week, will provide a new source of clean renewable energy. The Black Voice News Page Front Page

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Carter High School's BSLA Talk

Dear Mr. Vincent:

I am writing to share my concerns about the building of a new high school in the city of Carter Heights. This project has been supported by the local government, but there has been a lack of public engagement and transparency in the decision-making process.

I understand that the proposed high school will be located on a site that is currently used for community sports fields. Many residents of the area have expressed concern about the loss of this green space. Additionally, there are already multiple schools in the area that could potentially accommodate the new students.

As a member of the community, I believe that the city should consider alternative proposals that would better serve the needs of the residents. It is important to ensure that the development of the new high school does not come at the expense of the community's quality of life.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
The Riverside Business Reception is designed to give business owners and operators an opportunity to talk with the mayor, city council members, city staff and a variety of representatives from key business organizations in a festive networking environment. Organizations such as Small Business Development Center, Riverside County Economic Development Agency, the California Board of Equalization, the Riverside Community College and Riverside University, the Center for Higher Education, are just a few of the many organizations that will be represented from key local business organizations.

Dr. Carla A. Dyer spoke of the need for “Directions.” Have you ever been driven around a particular destination and gotten lost? Most of us have experienced the frustration that comes with losing our bearings and not knowing where we are going. Even if we have a map or GPS, we may still get lost if we don’t know where we are going. In life, God wants you to know exactly where you are going. He doesn’t want you to wander around aimlessly on your own. He desires that you have a clear view of the road that you are taking. He knows you can receive specific instructions regarding the path to the destination you are seeking. In other words, God wants you to know exactly where you are going.

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City Holds Local Business Appreciation Reception
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Bassett Receives Star on Walk of Fame.

Angela Bassett has made a career of sharing audiences with some of the biggest names in Hollywood. Her talent and abilities as an actress and entrepreneur in both television and film have been widely recognized. Bassett has been given her share of the public's admiration in a variety of roles, from lifelong friends to her leading role in the television show "Africans in America." With the successful transition from stage to the silver screen when she appeared in the pivotal role as the ambitious single mother who sends her son to live with his father in John Singleton's "Boyz 'N the Hood," Bassett received overwhelming recognition for her portrayal of Katherine Jacksons: An American Dream," and "Contact" starring opposite Jodie Foster and the "Iron Man" and "Iron Man 2." Bassett also received a Screen Actors Guild Award nomination for her performance in "Ruby's Bucket of Blood," opposite Whitney Goldberg and Tony Duggs, her supporting role in the film "Supernova." Bassett has maintained a tempo of New ACM Image Awards for her performances in "Hero" and "Get on the Right Healthcare Track!"

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Angela Bassett

Photo by Lea M. Cash

Each man took his turn telling the audience her story after her many years and was joined by friends and family in her place in the industry's forefront.

Recently on Thursday, March 20 in front of Hollywood's Historic Roosevelt Hotel, Angela Bassett before her family, friends, and fans received the 2,358th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. While standing on stage, and being honored in the audience was one of the women who grew up from lifelong friends Lawrence Fishburne and Forest Whitaker, she could not stop crying. In 2005, Insight Enterprise, Inc. received the advocacy to the community and their involvement in implementing empowerment programs to deliver youth from gang violence. Each week a new message is delivered which generates great interest and the amount of time young people have to get involved is not trivial. The average amount of time violence was " stamped out. " As best quoted by Quentin Emmons, "the kids simply won't even what we do. " Offering more after school programs for not only the elite but also those young people struggling to avoid violence could deliver youth and children of all ages to success. The family and friends joined in the "GATE" program by Lea M. Cash

SB County Resident Crowned Miss Teen Black Los Angeles

Brittney Williams

Bettina Williams, 11, a resident of San Bernardino County was crowned Miss Teen Black Los Angeles on March 13, 2008. Britteny is in 7th grade at Rancho Middle School, located in Rialto, California. She is eight and one point in the Gilded and Tainted Education "GATE" program. Britteny will share a part in several events and programs to improve the community of Los Angeles.

The Miss Black Los Angeles and Miss Los Angeles Galaxy pageant requires contestants to be judged in categories of talent, evening gowns, interviews, Résumé pageant, and events and competitions in which each of the young ladies were judged on. Each contestant selected their own platform of what they considered to be an important issue to

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DODGERS 50TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY
A REAL SUCCESS!

By Gary Montgomery

For most of us, our 50th couldn’t have been better. A day of mixed emotions and reflections, likely surrounded by a few close friends to ceremonially mark the moment and give it honorary reverence. Not so for the Dodgers. The team threw itself a party honoring the fiftieth anniversary of its move to Los Angeles like nothing ever seen before in the generally conservative world of major league baseball.

The Dodgers held an all-day party complete with celebrities, VIPs, legendary players and, oh yes, an announced 115,000 fans. It was an electrifying evening in the grandeur of all worlds, the historic Los Angeles Coliseum. Saturday’s bash also set a new record for attendance at a baseball game, surpassing the estimated record of 114,000 fans lit matches in tribute.

The excitement surrounding the Dodgers 50th was underway, but a closer look revealed nothing but blue skies.

There are few fans around who remember attending Dodger games in the Coliseum. Many could be spotted in Saturday's crowd with binoculars in tow, suggesting that they did miss this historic moment.

Shuttle buses started rolling from Chavez Ravine around 11 a.m. and by noon the Coliseum grounds were swarmed with thousands and failed to win a playoff series.

New Dodger owners Frank and Jamie McCourt have increased attendance each of the four years they have owned the team with clever marketing and public relations outreach projects. But, nothing tops Saturday’s “Return to the Coliseum” game. It was an absolutely brilliant idea that got even better when implemented to perfection.

Some of the legendary Ex-Dodgers off-hand...included

CELEBRITY FANS: Pamela Anderson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Antonio Villaraigosa and Billy Crystal all threw out a first ball to begin each inning.

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Ms. Jordan taught political science at Tuskegee Institute for a seat in the Texas House of Representatives in 1962 and 1964, but lost. She received her B.A. degree in 1952 in upper five percent of her class. She wanted to study medicine, but beauty and vanity were not sufficient for a lowly Negro. She then decided to become a lawyer and studied law in the University of Texas and went to the American Bar Association.

In 1944, she graduated from the University of Texas School of Law. She practiced law in Houston from 1944 to 1972. She was named Assistant Attorney General in the administration of Governor William B. Hobby in 1967. She was later transferred to the Public Service Commission.

Fannie Lou Hamer was born on November 6, 1917, in New York, New York and is the daughter of the late Leminis Hamer and the late Emma McDaniel. She was educated in the public schools of New York City.

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Pastor Lee said, "I am really thankful that some of us are not even aware awesome happening to build right underneath our noses, and unity within the Body of Christ, some of us are not even aware of." As a result of this event, the word will spread throughout the whole Inland Empire that God is on the move, and that unity is on God's highest priority for us," said Pastor Lee. Dr. Slayton said, "I think Evangelist Musgrove has done such a marvelous job of getting this unity within the Body of Christ that we have sought for so long. We finally have unity without having to be concerned with conformity, and I think it's great.

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**Breakfast**

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Pastor Garcia said, "I think this is a really great event because it brings all the pastors together; a lot of pastors talk about it, but really has actually been able to get this to happen, and that's an artistry of spirit here. Now we can start working together and get the job done."

"I think this is an awesome event for pastors within the area. As a matter of fact, I invited a friend with me today and he didn't know that it had been going on for years. The basic thing is that there's something awesome happening to build right underneath our noses, and unity within the Body of Christ, some of us are not even aware of."

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  - Sunday: 7:30 PM: Youth Night

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BY Ashley A. Jones
Decently In Order Ministry held the 8th Annual Inland Empire Pastors Breakfast in San Bernardino. The event unit­

ed a great number of local churches, community leaders, friends, and family to fellow­

ship and worship God, in the way He intended.

Last Saturday's event was hosted at the Natural Orange Show Events Center. The event congregated more than 500

attendees from all over the Inland Empire. The theme was "Unity Within the Body of Christ." The keynote speaker of the event was Pastor Diego Mesa from Abundant Living Family Church of Rancho Cucamonga. Pastor Diego delivered a life­

changing message on the parable of the talents found in Matthew 25. He also spoke about the importance of living a

pure life, the steps taken to have a prosperous church, and the significance of maintaining healthy relationships.

Pastor Mesa said, "I appreciate Jerry Musgrove in this event; Any time there is a pastor's gathering it's good, and the

level of speakers and informa­

tion is good, it always encour­

ages and helps people." Among the supporters were Pastor Marco Garcia, Senior Pastor of The Way World.

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